



LETTER FROM GOVERNOR LEAVITT

Utah's economy, internationally recognized for its rapid job growth, low unemployment and increasing diversity, is strong. The state has become known for its friendly business climate and solid utility, communications and transportation infrastructures. Utah begins 2001 with a record 13-year period of economic prosperity.

Utah's work force continues to grow at twice the national average. Our workers are young, education-minded and tech-savvy. To accelerate Utah's emergence as a center for technology and entrepreneurship, we launched the Utah/Silicon Valley Alliance, making our state the choice location for high-technology companies in the New Economy.

Exciting times are ahead for the state as it hosts the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. The Games will provide our state with a platform to the world and a chance for us to showcase what the state has to offer for businesses and tourists.

I hope this Utah Facts Book 2001 will be a valuable source of information for you as you plan your company's future. As governor, I am committed to maintaining and improving Utah's economy and quality of life.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor